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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
 Expedited Procedure Requested
 Examining Group. 2861
 Attorney Docket No. P24651

In re application of: **Akira GYOUTOKU et al.**

Application No. : 10/726,594

Group Art Unit: 2861

Filed : December 4, 2003

Examiner: Hai C. PHAM

For : **IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS****Mail Stop AF**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of April 5, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 5, 2006, but to which Applicants are responding by the two-month date of June 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response.